

CHAPTER 254.

ESTATE OF ELIAS RITTER.

S. F. 487.

AN ACT to convey the title to the estate of Elias Ritter of the lands described as the south west quarter of the north east quarter of section eighteen (18) in township seventy one (71) of range twenty four (24) west, being in Clarke county, Iowa, the same being a part of the 500,000 acre grant under the act of congress of 1841.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Patent authorized. THAT, WHEREAS the south-west
2 quarter of the north-east quarter of section eighteen, township sev-
3 enty-one, north, of range twenty-four, was selected by the agent of
4 the state of Iowa, under the 8th section of the act of September 4th,
5 1851, and the title of the same passed to the state of Iowa;

1 SEC. 2. AND WHEREAS, the said lands were by Clarke county
2 erroneously assessed for taxation for the years 1859 to 1866 inclu-
3 sive, and on the 4th day of November, 1867, the said lands were
4 sold by the treasurer of Clarke county, Iowa, for taxes for the years
5 herein mentioned and one G. W. Clark became the purchaser at
6 treasurer's tax sale and,

1 SEC. 3. WHEREAS, thereafter, to-wit, on January 18th, 1871, the
2 treasurer of Clarke county, executed to the said G. W. Clark a tax
3 deed for said lands conveying to him apparent title, and

1 SEC. 4. WHEREAS after divers conveyances said lands were on the
2 17th day of April, 1889, conveyed by E. F. Riley and wife to Elias
3 Ritter for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred eighty
4 dollars; and

1 SEC. 5. WHEREAS the said Elias Ritter ever since and until his
2 death held the possession of said lands and has paid the taxes regu-
3 larly assessed upon the said lands and in all matters in good faith
4 supposed that he held a good and indefeasible title to the said lands,
5 and the said Clarke county and state of Iowa have had the benefit
6 of the purchase price at tax sale and have regularly received the
7 taxes imposed on said lands from the year 1859 to the present time;
8 and

1 SEC. 6. WHEREAS said lands are now held and improved and
2 buildings have been erected thereon in good faith without knowl-
3 edge of the defect in the title and the said lands appear on the rec-
4 ords to belong to the state of Iowa, therefore:

5 The board of supervisors of Clarke county, Iowa, are hereby au-
6 thorized to sell said land to the estate of the said Elias Ritter for
7 and in consideration of the sum of two and one-half dollars per
8 acre, and when the said sum is paid to the county auditor of Clarke
9 county, Iowa, for the use and benefit of the school fund, and he has
10 so certified to the secretary of state, then that a patent issue in due

11 form from the state of Iowa to the estate of the said Elias Ritter
 12 and that the same be given full force and effect and convey the title
 13 of the state of Iowa to the estate of Elias Ritter.

Approved April 14, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 255.

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

H. F. 185.

AN ACT to amend section two hundred twenty-seven (227) of the supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, relating to the division of the state into judicial districts and increasing the number of district judges in the fourteenth judicial district, and providing for the election of a judge to fill the vacancy created by this act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Fourteenth judicial district. That the law as it
 2 appears in the fourteenth subdivision of section two hundred twenty-
 3 seven (227), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, be and the
 4 same is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" as the same
 5 appears in the third line of said subdivision and substituting in lieu
 6 thereof the word "three" so that said subdivision will read as follows:

7 "The fourteenth district shall consist of the counties of Buena
 8 Vista, Clay, Palo Alto, Kossuth, Emmet, Dickinson, Humboldt and
 9 Pocahontas and have three judges".

1 SEC. 2. Vacancy—how filled—tenure of appointee. The va-
 2 cancy in the office of district judge in and for said judicial district
 3 created by this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor.
 4 The person so appointed shall hold said office until January 1, 1919,
 5 or until his successor is elected and qualified, which successor shall
 6 be elected at the general election in 1918, and every four years there-
 7 after.

1 SEC. 3. Terms of court. That the judges of the district court
 2 of the fourteenth judicial district are hereby directed to meet at
 3 some convenient point within said district within fifteen (15) days
 4 after the appointment of the judge to fill the vacancy in the office
 5 of district judge as provided in this act, and determine the times and
 6 places of holding their courts, and the judges who shall hold the
 7 same for the balance of the year, 1917; and such determination shall
 8 have the effect of canceling any determination heretofore made. Such
 9 determination shall be forwarded to the secretary of state and the
 10 clerk of the district court, and recorded as provided by law.

1 SEC. 4. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
 2 importance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its
 3 publication in the Des Moines Capital and in the Des Moines Register,
 4 newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 17, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital and the Des Moines Register April 19, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*